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SUMMARY: FRG FONOFF REGARDS LABOR MINISTER ERDEM'S RECENT VISIT TO GERMANY (REFTEL) AS PRIVATE TRIP. POSSIBLE VISIT BY TURKISH POLITICO, ECEVIT, FLOATED BY SPD WITH THE FONOFF, BUT THE LATTER SUCCEEDED IN VETOING IDEA. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF OFFICIAL HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT FRG CONSIDERS LABOR MINISTER ERDEM'S AUGUST VISIT TO GERMANY TO HAVE BEEN STRICTLY A PRIVATE ONE. INDEED, OUR CONTACT SAID THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT TURKISH EMBASSY IN BONN DID NOT WISH FRG INVOLVEMENT, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF POLITICAL NATURE OF TRIP WHICH WAS TO GARNER SUPPORT FOR JUSTICE PARTY IN OCTOBER TURKISH ELECTIONS. TURKISH EMBASSY DID, HOWEVER,
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NOTIFY POLICE OF VISIT.

2. REGARDING SECURITY, OUR SOURCE SAID THAT ERDEM'S MEETING IN COLOGNE WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED TURKISH WORKERS WENT OFF SMOOTHLY, BUT THAT MEETING IN FRANKFURT MET WITH DISRUPTIONS WHICH WERE MORE IN NATURE OF BOISTEROUS POLITICS THAN A SECURITY THREAT. FURTHER, ANONYMOUS MURDER THREATS RECEIVED BY ERDEM IN FRANKFURT WERE ADJUDGED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES NOT TO BE SERIOUS. OUR SOURCE SAID ERDEM'S PRECIPITATE DEPARTURE WAS SEEN BY FRG OFFICIALS TO HAVE RESULTED FROM HIS HAVING LOST HIS NERVE IN THE FACE OF THE THREATS.

3. REGARDING POSSIBLE FRG VISIT BY REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY LEADER ECEVIT, CONTACT SAID SPD HAD APPROACHED FRG FONOFF WITH SUCH A PROPOSAL BUT THAT FONOFF HAD SUCCEEDED IN TURNING IDEA OFF. IN DOING SO, FONOFF HAD MADE POINT THAT IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE FOR FRG TO BECOME INVOLVED IN TURKISH ELECTIONEERING BUT THAT ECEVIT WOULD BE WELCOME AFTER OCTOBER ELECTIONS. OUR SOURCE WAS OF THE VIEW THAT ECEVIT WOULD NOT SUCCEED IN MEETING WITH BRANDT EVEN THEN.

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